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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW CABINET MEMBERS

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1. EMBASSY PROVIDES FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON FIVE NEW CABINET MEMBERS SWORN IN BY PRESIDENT BANZER ON NOVEMBER 28, 1973

2. ALFREDRO FRANCO GUACHALLA, MINISTER OF LABOR: FRANCO WAS BORN IN LA PAZ OF WELL-TO-DO FAMILY ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1924. AS LAW SCHOOL STUDENT AT "SAN ANDRES" UNIVERSITY IN LA PAZ HE WAS ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING STUDENTS FOR MNR, AND BECAME SECRETARY-GENERAL OF BOLIVIAN UNIVERSITY CONFEDERATION (CUB) IN 1952. DURING MNR YEARS IN POWER, FRANCO ROSE TO BE MEMBER OF PARTY'S NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, NATIONAL DEPUTY FROM PANDO AND SUCCESSIVELY MINISTER OF LABOR (1960-63) AND MINISTER OF MINES AND PETROLEUM (1963-64). FRANCO WAS DESCRIBED IN THESE YEARS AS MARXIST IN PHILOSOPHY AND -- UNTIL BREAK WITH LEFT SECTOR OF MNR IN 1963 -- AS SUPPORTER OF JUAN LECHIN. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF FRANCO'S SUBSEQUENT CAREER, ALTHOUGH RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN WORKING AS LAWYER FOR PRIVATE MINING FIRM "EMUSA". UNDOUBTEDLY, HOWEVER, FRANCO'S POLITICAL VIEWS MUST HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE EARLY 1960'S FOR HIM TO BE APPOINTED TO MINISTERIAL POST IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT. MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON FRANCO IS CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE IN BIOGRAPHIC REPORT ON HIM DATED AUGUST 1963.

3. GENERAL ALBERTO GUZMAN SORIANO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: GUZMAN WAS BORN IN COCHABAMBA ON FEBRUARY 19, 1923. A 1944 GRADUATE OF THE COLEGIO MILITAR, HE SPECIALIZED IN MILITARY TRANSPORTATION DURING MUCH OF HIS SUBSEQUENT CAREER. FOLLOWING 1964 REVOLUTION, HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF COLEGIO MILITAR AND PROMOTED TO FULL COLONEL. IN 1967 HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, APPARENTLY DUE TO HIS PERSONAL LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS, TO WHOM HE WAS RELATED BY MARRIAGE. HE SERVED BRIEFLY AS MINISTER OF CAMPESINO AFFAIRS IN SHORT-LIVED 1968 MILITARY CABINET. GUZMAN WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF THE FIRST DIVISION IN JANUARY 1969. FROM OCTOBER 1971 TO DATE HE SERVED AS BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA. MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON GUZMAN IS AVAILABLE IN DIA BIOGRAPHIC REPORT OF NOVEMBER 1969.

4. JAIME ANTONIO QUIROGA MATOS, MINISTER OF FINANCE: QUIROGA WAS BORN IN LA PAZ ON MARCH 7, 1937. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. QUIROGA, WHO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AND OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WITH DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS WORKED AS FINANCIAL MANAGER OF CONIBOL AND FINANCIAL SUPERVISOR OF ADVISORY GROUP TO SAME ORGANIZATION. ALSO HAS SERVED AS LOAN OFFICER TO INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR VENEZUELA, AND AS INTERIM CHIEF WITHIN IDB FOR VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR. MOST RECENTLY, HE HAS WORKED AS GENERAL MANAGER OF PRIVATE MINING FIRM "EMUS", HAVING PREVIOUSLY HELD MANAGEMENT POSITIONS WITH OTHER BOLIVIAN FIRMS.

5. DR MARIO SERRATE RUIZ, MINISTER OF EDUCATION: EMBASSY HAS NO BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON SERRATE, WHO UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT WAS FSB REGIONAL SECRETARY IN SANTA CRUZ. BOTH MNR AND FSB SOURCES THERE DESCRIBE SERRATE AS DYNAMIC YOUNG (35-40) POLITICIAN WHO TOOK ACTIVE PART IN LEADERSHIP OF FPN IN SANTA CRUZ.

6. EMBASSY PRESUMES DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON RAUL LEMA PATINO, NEW MINISTER OF MINING WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPLACED IN THAT POST ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1973 BY JAVIER BEDREGAL. STEDMAN

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